

# Goodrich Asbestos Site Phase 1 Cleanup Complete – Phase 2 Cleanup Now Ready to Begin

Miami, Oklahoma

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#### Site Background

The site is a former B.F. Goodrich tire plant in Miami, Oklahoma. The plant started operations in the mid-1940's and ceased operations in 1986. Due to the presence of asbestos in multiple structures on the site, abatement and removal of the asbestos is by the Oklahoma Department Environmental Quality (ODEQ) and the Oklahoma Department of Labor (ODOL). Some initial attempts to abate and remove the asbestos were conducted, however, cleanup work ceased in late 2014. Abandoned since 2014, the site was broken in to several times. In late 2018, EPA secured access to the abandoned facility and assessed the entire property for asbestos contamination. In June 2019 EPA began the removal of the asbestos containing debris offsite.

### **Completed Actions**

EPA removed and disposed of approximately 19,0 00 tons of asbestos containing debris off-site to two approved landfills. This total includes all the visible debris piles and the debris created from successfully demolishing the two unstable buildings located onsite. During the cleanup activities continuous perimeter air sampling and monitoring was conducted to insure that no airborne asbestos was escaping the site. No asbestos fibers were detected above the site action level in any of these air samples that were collected throughout the cleanup activities. Phase 1 cleanup operations are estimated to be completed by the end of September.

# **Phase 2 Operations**

EPA's cleanup plan includes the off-site removal and disposal of the remaining asbestos containing debris located in the utility pits and Autoclave basement, removal of the remaining Carbon Black, removal of any miscellaneous hazardous waste remaining onsite, cleaning of the Banbury mixers, and abatement of any asbestos containing material within the Powerhouse Building on-site. Phase 2 work is expected to begin by early October and will require approximately 3 months to complete.

#### **Asbestos Information**

Asbestos is a mineral fiber that was commonly used in a variety of building construction materials for insulation, and as a fire-retardant. Because of its fiber strength and heat resistant properties, asbestos was used for a wide range of manufactured goods.

Asbestos causes cancer and other diseases. Asbestos fibers must be airborne to cause a health risk through inhalation.

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